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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TURKISH CYPRIOT MEASURES AGAINST YEROLAKKOS  
REGIONAL RELAY ORGANIZATION (RRO) STATION

REF: NICOSIA 2237 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: OSMAN OREK, MINDEF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS  
(TFSC), ANNOUNCED JULY 26 THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION WILL  
EXAMINE JULY 29 QUESTION OF "SHUTTING DOWN" USG INSTALLATIONS IN  
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TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS, IN LINE WITH GOT MEASURES IN

TURKEY. REGIONAL RELAY ORGANIZATION (RRO) HAS TWO SITES IN AREA, YEROLAKKOS AND MIA MILEA. FORMER IS IN PROCESS OF BEING MOTH-BALLED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD; LATTER WAS PHASED OUT IN JUNE 1974. SINCE JULY 1974 OUR ACCESS TO YEROLAKKOS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY TURKS. IT IS PROBABLE THAT MEASURES AGAINST SITE BY TFSC WOULD RESTRICT EVEN FURTHER. WHILE MOST EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED, SOME EXPENSIVE AND MODERATELY SENSITIVE ITSMs REMAIN. KARAVAS (FBIS) STATION SUBJECT SEPTTEL. EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO TFSC AND IS RAISING WITH TURKISH EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

2. LAND ON WHICH YEROLAKKOS STATION AND ASSOCIATED FOOTLIGHT ANTENNA ARRAY LOCATED IS OWNED BY USG. MIA MILEA LAND ALSO USG OWNED.

3. USG ACCESS TO YEROLAKKOS RRO SITE IS (AND HAS BEEN SINCE JULY 1974) TIGHTLY CONTROLLED BY TFSC AND TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES. UNTIL RECENTLY ONLY ONE VISIT PER WEEK BY RRO REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN PERMITTED. SINCE APRIL TWO VISITS WEEKLY PERMITTED TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT AND MOTHBALLING OF SITE. TWO DAYS NOTICE REQUIRED AND RRO REP IS ALWAYS ESCORTED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT "GUIDE". PERMISSION HAS BEEN WITHHELD FREQUENTLY ON GROUNDS THAT STATION LOCATED IN SENSITIVE MILITARY AREA (JUST NORTH OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT). IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TFSC WILL REDUCE OR REFUSE ENTIRELY FURTHER ACCESS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT SOME ACCESS, PERHAPS UNDER STRICTER CONTROL AND LESS FREQUENT, SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.

4. AT PRESENT TURKISH ARMY PROVIDES PERIMETER SECURITY FOR SITE. PATROLS REMAIN OUTSIDE FENCE AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER. FOUR TURKISH CYPRIOT RRO EMPLOYEES ARE PRESENT AS CARETAKERS AND ON OCCASION FACILITATE PASSAGE OF RRO REP THROUGH MILITARY. WE WOULD EXPECT MILITARY GUARDS TO REMAIN IN PLACE; WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL ACTUALLY SET UP POST INSIDE WIRE REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

5. SINCE YEROLAKKOS INACTIVE, IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF ANY TURKISH/ TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTIONS WOULD BE TO SLOW, PERHAPS HALT, REMOVAL OF REMAINING EQUIPMENT AND INDEFINITE MOTHBALLING OF SITE. THIS WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST COMPLETION; WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THIS DEADLINE CAN BE MET. NO EQUIPMENT REMAINS AT MIA MILEA SITE. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. SHOULD TFSC TAKE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF YEROLAKKOS STATION IN NEAR FUTURE, THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FOLLOWING KEY ITEMS, EXCLUDING IN-PLACE FACILITIES SUCH AS THE POWER HOUSE, OPERATIONS BUILDING, ETC:

A. ONE COMPLETE EARTH TERMINAL FOR SATELLITE COMMUNICATION. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY QUALIFIED OPERATORS AND TECHNICIANS EXIST

WITHIN TFSC.

B. THIRTY-FOUR KW-26 CRYPTO MACHINES. ALTHOUGH THESE HAVE ALL BEEN "DECLASSIFIED" BY DESTRUCTION OF ALL CLASSIFIED COMPONENTS, THEY ARE STILL CONSIDERED SENSITIVE AS FAR AS ACCESS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS IS CONCERNED.

C. TWENTY-FIVE CARTONS OF MAGNETIC TAPES. ALTHOUGH THESE HAVE ALL BEEN DEGAUSSED, BY POLICY THEY ARE HANDLED AS CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE DEGAUSSING PROCESS IS LESS THAN 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE.

D. ABOUT ONE DOZEN INSTALLED, STANDARD TYPE VOICE AND MORSE COLLECTION POSITIONS. THESE ARE CONTINGENCY POSITIONS FOR USE DURING MAJOR FAILURE OF SATELLITE-BASED SYSTEM.

E. COLLECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSE TEST EQUIPMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENTS, INCLUDING LARGE QUANTITIES OF SPARE PARTS.

F. A CONSIDERABLE STOCK OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS PLUS CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND AUTO REPAIR SHOPS.

7. EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED TO TFSC "MINISTER OF STATE" (FOR FOREIGN AFFIARS) CHELIK, FOR DENKTASH, ITS CONCERN RE POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TAKE OVER THESE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, POINTING OUT THAT THESE ARE USG-OWNED PROPERTIES DESIGNATED AS EMBASSY ANNEXES. EMBASSY ALSO RAISING IN LOW KEY WITH TURKISH EMBASSY.  
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